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NEW PENSION ACT

Many Veterans to Receive an Increase Under the New Service Law.

What is known as the service pension bill passed both houses and was approved by the president on February 6. The new law gives many of the old veterans who are sixty-two years of age or over a substantial increase without the trouble and expense of a medical examination or aid of an attorney or agent. All that is necessary for them to do is to make the necessary proof that they served ninety days or more in the army or navy during the late civil war, and the increase dates from the filing of the application.

Congressman Rucker has furnished THE BLADE with a copy of the new law and also asks us to advise all soldiers to whom it applies that if they will write to him he will send the proper application blanks and personally file and prosecute their claims. The new law is as follows:

That any person who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late civil war or sixty days in the war with Mexico, and who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and who has reached the age of sixty-two years or over, shall, upon making proof of such facts according to such rules and regulations as the secretary of the interior may provide, be placed upon the pension roll, and be entitled to receive a pension as follows: In case such person has reached the age of sixty-two years, twelve dollars per month; seventy years, fifteen dollars per month; seventy-five years or over, twenty dollars per month; and such pension shall commence from the date of the filing of the application in the bureau of pensions after the passage and approval of this act: Provided, That pensioners who are sixty-two years of age or over, and who are now receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the bureau of pensions, may, by application to the commissioner of pensions in such form as he may prescribe, receive the benefits of this act; and nothing herein contained shall prevent any pensioner or person entitled to a pension from prosecuting his claim and receiving a pension under any other general or special act: Provided, That no person shall receive a pension under any other law at the same time and for the same period that he is receiving a pension under the provisions of this act: Provided further, That no person who is now receiving or shall hereafter receive a greater pension under any other general or special law than he would be entitled to receive under the provisions herein shall be pensionable under this act.

SEC. 2. That rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed hereunder.

SEC. 3. That no pension attorney, claim agent, or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in presenting any claim to the bureau of pensions, or securing any pension, under this act.

Approved, February 6, 1907.

Feed For Sale.

I have some cane, millet and corn fodder for sale at my home three miles southeast of Laclede.

PETER SMITH.

Wanted.

Gentleman or lady with good reference, to travel by rail or with a rig, for a firm of \$250,000.00 capital. Salary \$1,072.00 per year and expenses; salary paid weekly and expenses advanced. Address, with stamp, Jos. A. ALEXANDER, Laclede, Mo.

Methodist Episcopal Church Notes.

On next Sunday you will please arrange to attend the morning and evening services and bring your friends with you. This means every person in town—man, woman and child.

The special meetings are to begin Thursday, February 21. Dr. Calfee and wife are now leading a great campaign in Omaha.

The Sunday school observes the second Sunday of each month as Mission day. You ought to arrange to be present and listen to the splendid, interesting readings and songs.

The Epworth League greatly enjoyed the letter from Dr. Agnes Edmonds read in League service last Sunday evening.

The Standard Bearer girls have decided to raise \$15.00 this year toward Dr. Edmonds' support, since she is to be supported by the young people of the Missouri conference.

A MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Meets regularly at least once a month.

Interests each member by subdividing the work.

Sends regular reports to the branch secretary.

Studies best methods of other societies.

Interests outsiders so that they join.

Opens its meetings promptly and with prayer.

Never allows the meetings to get into a rut.

Always makes all possible use of maps, pictures, etc.

Raises missionary money through systematic giving.

This and much more does this society do.

MISS FAITHFUL, President.

AN OMISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Often omits the regular society meeting.

Makes no plans for the year's work.

Is always late in beginning its meetings.

Sends no report to the branch secretary.

Seeks for no new members.

Introduces no new features into its program.

Omits the devotional service.

Never sends to the board for new literature.

Arouses no interest in missions.

Refuses to give systematically to missions.

This and much more this society does.

MISS DO LITTLE, President.

To which do you belong?

Some things we want this year:

One hundred accessions to the church.

More family altars and more church papers taken.

An average of fifty at the prayer-meetings.

A fifty per cent advance in benevolences.

An average attendance of one hundred and seventy-five at Sunday school.

Will you help realize these things?

L. T. MONNETT,

Pastor.

All honor to the man who earns his living by honest toil. He, it is, above all others, who is always pulling for better things. He is always on the front seat of the community band wagon. He is the first resident to greet the stranger and tell him that he is visiting the best town in the state. He is ready to fight, at the drop of a hat, the fellow who willingly runs down the community's best along with its worst, and there is something inspiring in his cordial invitation to the chronic croaker to "move somewhere else."

HERE AND THERE.

Doings That Have Taken Place in Laclede the Past Week.

There will be no delivery of mail on rural routes next Friday, Washington's birthday being a holiday with the carriers.

At the regular meeting of the Modern Woodman last Wednesday night three new members were enrolled by adoption and eight applications received.

The Presbyterians will hold a series of meetings at the Christian church next week. Rev. Standly will preach Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Rev. Atwood on Thursday evening. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

A debate between the Laclede and Linneus high schools has been arranged to be held at the Laclede opera house on March 15. Subject: "Resolved, That capital punishment should be abolished." Laclede takes the affirmative.

Geo. Denbo sold his restaurant and lunch counter to Isaac Warner, of Linneus. Mr. Warner took possession Wednesday, Mr. Denbo moving to the Siders residence. Mr. Warner formerly lived on a farm near Meadville but has been conducting a restaurant at Linneus for several months.

The weighing of mails in the third contract section will begin next Wednesday and continue for ninety days or longer. Two government weighers have been appointed from Laclede. Elgin Burke will weigh between St. Louis and St. Joseph and Jerome C. Brown on the Wabash between Des Moines and Moberly. Both are capable young men and will render satisfactory service. The compensation is \$3 a day.

C. C. Tattershall, of Browning, is here in the interest of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, a fraternal benefit society. The Yeomen issue combined life and accident certificates to men and women alike, and has flourishing lodges at Linneus, Purdin, Browning and other Linn county towns and Mr. Tattershall feels confident he will secure applications enough to put in a good lodge at Laclede.

When the work now being done is completed Laclede's opera house will be neater and better than ever before. Mr. Connor was in Kansas City Tuesday and bought a gas plant that will be installed next week that will light both the opera house and his office rooms. The stage front has been remodeled, the walls newly decorated and many other improvements made. New opera chairs are to be put in in the near future and a new iron stairway will make the whole quite metropolitan.

Mrs. Addie Manzer, of Kansas City, state organizer of the P. E. O., was the guest of Chapter R Monday and Tuesday. Monday evening a called meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Eccles. After the inspection of the work of the chapter, the regular program was taken up. Subject, Raphael; leader, Mrs. Gertrude Smith. Papers were read by Mesdames Smith, Benson, Bruns, Monnett and Ida Benson. Mrs. Manzer is an accomplished vocalist and added much to the program with her songs. A dainty two-course luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Monnett and Misses Gould and Jones. Mrs. Manzer is a charming woman and, while her duties are that of critic, her gracious manner made her visit to Chapter R only a pleasure. She expressed herself as pleased with the work. During her stay she was entertained by Mrs. Gertrude Smith.

Some Evening Reveries.

Appreciation is one of the Christ-like emotions of the human heart. To look at motives and not results is the right thing to do. How often the best laid plans lead to failure. A word of appreciation has led many a discouraged heart to pick up the broken threads and weave them into a new web after they had lain among shattered ideals for months or years. Kind words bring memories that echo through the years long after the lips that uttered them have crumbled to dust. Children carry the memory of words of appreciation with them through childhood and often recall them in old age when enveloped in the shadows of life. They are like the perfume of the violet that lifts its head above the spring snows and whispers to them of the sunshine. Money cannot buy, intellect cannot create so rare a gem as true kindness. It is a heart product and needs the tenderest culture. It is killed by indifference and enfeebled by neglect.

How many * * * wasted flowers are strewn over graves, of which one small bud, pink with life and hope and fragrant with sympathy, would have eased the pain of some aching heart forever a little while, had they been bestowed while the loved one was with us.

One of the first and hardest lessons which the novice has to learn upon entering the great busy world of toil and tumult is that the rushing, struggling, striving public has no interest in the grief of any individual. It is too fully occupied with its own advancement to spend a thought or a care on what does not concern or affect its welfare.

When we come to investigate we will find that trouble is universal and is more equally meted out than we suppose. It comes to us all in one form or another, sometimes in disguise, but it is the same ugly spectre when the mask is thrown aside. Every heart has its own burden which wealth cannot lighten, nor honor alleviate. It may be in the hidden depths, unseen by human eyes, but it is there nevertheless, and will be until the spirit throws off this "mortal evil" and leaves it behind with its earthly tenement. The only difference is that one has the moral courage to meet or overcome or else submit bravely to the inevitable, while the other makes no effort to lift itself from the stream into which the tide of circumstances has placed it, but wastes the strength, which if properly exerted would put it on its feet, in vain regrets and useless repining.

Whatever your trials and disappointments, keep them to yourself; they only worry your friends and vex those who have no claim upon your confidences. Keep a bright face, a cheerful word and a hopeful heart. Carry in your bearing the dignity of self-esteem and let the air of prosperity fit you like a garment. Extend to the world a cordial hand, and remember that life is for the most part what we make it.

The gleeful life of happy children is the best home music and the graceful figures of childhood are the best statuary. We are all kings and queens in the cradle. A home without children! It is like a lantern without a candle; a garden and no flowers; a vine and no grapes; a brook and no water gurgling and gushing in its channel.

Last Wednesday was a spring like day and the warmest February day for the past eleven years. Two years ago Wednesday the day started in with a temperature of 18 degrees below zero, a difference of about 90 degrees.

TOWN AND COUNTRY

Local Events of the Past Week Recorded For Blade Readers.

Dr. Pratt, optician, Thursday, February 21.

Leave all old rubbers for the M. E. aid society at Mrs. Foreman's.

Mrs. Monnett and two little daughters visited over last Sunday with relatives at Cameron.

Mrs. A. McGrew visited her daughter, Mrs. Mary Meredith, at Breckenridge, the past week.

Mrs. Lillian Coulter, of Wayne, Ill., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Benjamin.

Mrs. Geo. C. Smith and little daughter Dorothy are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Edwards in Marceline.

Dick Alexander, who moved from here to the Indian Territory a few months ago, was in town Thursday.

J. H. Dick and sister, Miss Bee and their little nephew, Johnny Holm, spent last Saturday in Kansas City.

Forty acre farm one and a quarter miles north of Laclede, for rent. Apply to Mrs. N. E. Hetrick, Brookfield.

B. E. Bigger and A. J. Baum saw the Beggar Prince opera company at the DeGraw in Brookfield Monday night.

Headaches, blind vision and eye strain cured by properly fitted glasses. See Dr. Pratt at the Anderson House Thursday, Feb. 21st.

I have several tons of nice bright timothy hay for sale at my farm four miles southwest of Laclede at \$10 per ton. Z. T. Standly.

Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Hatcher have been down from Hamilton this week visiting Mrs. Hatcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barton.

Peter Smith has sold his 200 acre farm southeast of Laclede to John Transburg at \$65 per acre. Possession will be given the first of next month.

Mrs. Abbie Gould and little daughter left Wednesday to spend a couple of months with Mr. Gould who is in the real estate business at Horace, Kansas.

Mrs. Ada Pendleton, who moved here from Chillicothe several months ago and has been living in the west part of town, moved back to her former home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Holbeck and daughter, removing from Macon to Sheridan, Wyoming, have spent the past week here with Mrs. Holbeck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Moss.

Walter Rankin has bought the Dr. C. N. Standly residence of C. E. Hilton and moved into the property Monday, Dr. Standly moving to W. N. Harter's residence on the south side.

Mrs. Dr. A. W. Downing died at the home of Mrs. Herring in Laclede last Sunday morning. The funeral took place from the residence Monday, interment being made in the city cemetery.

Fred L. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watson, of Laclede, and Miss Cecilia Haas, were united in marriage at the home of the bride in Kansas City, Kansas, on Thursday, January 3, 1907.

Otis Williams, son of Mrs. M. J. Williams, died at his home in Loveland, Colorado, on Friday of last week at the age of 54 years. He had been in poor health for several years and a month ago was operated on for kidney trouble. He leaves a widow and five children, three daughters and two sons, all of whom are grown and married.